

**MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF MAY 5, 2004**

The regular session of the Historic Design Review Committee was called to order on May 5, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. in the Auburn Civic Center, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA.

**ITEM NO. I:           CALL TO ORDER**

MEMBERS PRESENT:       Betty Gadberry, Sandra Elder, Barbara Nichols,  
Lynn Carpenter, Chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT:       None

STAFF PRESENT:           Reg Murray, Associate Planner; Mark  
D'Ambrogi, Fire Chief; Janet Ferro,  
Administrative Assistant

**ITEM NO. II:         APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of February 4, 2004 were approved as corrected.

Sandra Elder asked if in the future, the minutes of this meeting can include the names of visitors who attended the meeting. Reg advised that speakers are identified in the minutes.

Those attending this meeting were:

Brian Hayes  
Joan Thornton  
Ross Carpenter  
Reese Browning  
Gus Thompson  
Robert Power  
Carl Franklin

**ITEM NO. III:       PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

None.

**ITEM NO. IV:       COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM**

**A. 150 Sacramento Street – Parking Meters (APN: 004-011-017)**

The applicant requests Historic Design Review approval for the design of parking meters and related signs in the private parking lot serving Old Town Pizza and Awful Annie's.

Reg Murray gave the staff report. The request is for 8 parking meters in a separate legal lot owned by Brian Hayes and Joan Thornton, who also own the building occupied by Old Town Pizza and Awful Annie's. He reviewed the proposed location and design of the meters and gave additional details. The owners of the lot will keep the revenue from the meters and be responsible for their maintenance as well as enforcement.

Brian Hayes introduced Robert Power, president of Regional Parking, Inc., who will manage the metered parking lot. Power gave a presentation showing the antique design of the meters and how they will be installed and maintained; there will be one meter for two parking stalls. The meters can be programmed to shut down in case of special events.

Ross Carpenter, Old Town business owner and vice president of the Old Town Business Association, stated he understands that many parking places are currently taken up by employees whose cars are parked in the lot all day. He hopes this meter installation is just an experiment to curtail employee parking that may or may not work out successfully.

There was discussion of the meter style, costs for meter time, location and times of meter operation.

Reese Browning, current owner of Old Town Pizza, stated that he disapproves of the meter installation. He believes there will be a definite negative impact on his customers, especially if the meters operate at night. He understands that the parking lot is private and expensive to maintain and that it is impossible to limit parking to customers of the businesses owned by the applicants. He predicts that the meters will be vandalized and Power responded that there will be surveillance to limit vandalism and offenders will be prosecuted.

Barbara Nichols mentioned the possibility of a free parking space for pizza pickup and this was discussed, as well as tokens that could be given out by businesses.

Brian Hayes, applicant, stated he felt the current state of the parking lot was a disgrace and desperately needed upgrading, and the only way he could afford the needed work was with the installation of the parking meters.

Betty Gadberry stated that the decision before the Committee was only the design of the parking meters. She **MOVED** to approve the request as proposed by the applicant.

Barbara Nichols **SECONDED**.

Lynn Carpenter commented that although the meeting was only for the approval of the meter design, she felt that this discussion was important as there would be many questions regarding the meter installation from the business owners and customers in Old Town Auburn.

AYES: Elder, Gadberry, Nichols, Chrm. Carpenter  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**B. 216 Washington Street – Tio Pepe’s (APN: 004-011-039)**

A request to allow Class A rated material in lieu of wood shingles for the front overhang of the Tio Pepe’s restaurant at 216 Washington Street.

Reg Murray gave the staff report, updating the Committee on this proposal. In March, 2004, the applicant requested approval of a building permit to re-roof the front overhang of Tio Pepe’s restaurant. Staff reviewed the proposal with the Fire Department and they indicated that the State Fire Marshall does not permit any roof covering which does not meet the Class “A” rating. Staff believed the proposed “sculptured” composition shingles met the Class “A” rating requirement and also replicated the appearance of a wood shingle, and approved the building permit. The applicant has now installed the roof and it is apparent the material is a standard composition shingle and a substantial departure from the original wood shake, and as such now requires Historic Design Review Committee approval. Staff recommends allowing alternative building materials that comply with the Class “A” rating and supports the composition shingle currently placed on the Tio Pepe’s overhang.

The Committee discussed the fact that the applicant apparently misrepresented the material installed. The Committee discussed options and the members felt that the sculptured asphalt should be required in Old Town to replace any deteriorating wood shakes in order to keep the look consistent and still meet fire requirements.

Betty Gadberry **MOVED** to let the City handle this situation, advising the applicant that the sculptured shingles should be installed in place of the composition shingles.

Barbara Nichols **SECONDED**.

AYES: Elder, Gadberry, Nichols, Chrm. Carpenter  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

Staff will pursue the replacement of flat composition shingles with sculptured asphalt shingles and report back to the Committee.

**C. 210 Washington Street – Bootlegger’s (APN: 004-011-038)**

A request to re-roof the existing overhang on the front of the Bootlegger’s Restaurant at 210 Washington Street with Class A rated material in lieu of wood shingles.

Carl Franklin presented a sample of the sculptured shingles he plans to use to re-roof the overhang of Bootleggers Restaurant. The Committee approved the proposed material.

Barbara Nichols **MOVED** to approve the request as proposed by the applicant.

Betty Gadberry **SECONDED**.

AYES: Elder, Gadberry, Nichols, Chrm. Carpenter  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**ITEM NO. V: HDRC REPORTS**

Committee members noted the many illegal signs in Old Town, resulting in a cluttered look that takes away from the ambiance they are trying to achieve. This has been reported in the past to the Code Enforcement Officer, however the proliferation of signs, including sandwich signs on the sidewalk, has continued to increase. Planner Murray will discuss this with Community Development Director Wong regarding what can be done to rectify this situation.

**ITEM NO. VI: FUTURE HDRC AGENDA ITEMS**

**ITEM NO. VII: ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Ferro  
Administrative Assistant